

Appl. No. 10/731,937
Atty. Docket No. CM1976C
Amdt. dated 10/7/2004
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5 and 7-8 are now in the case.

Applicants have canceled claims 2-3, 6 and 9 without prejudice.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of an organic solvent based embossable layer wherein the embossable layer comprises a polyester film and an acrylic based lacquer applied to the polyester film.

Applicants have amended claim 4 to correct its dependency.

Applicants affirm the election of group I, claims 1-8 without traverse.

Applicants submit that they may elect to pursue the cancelled claim in a continuing application.

Each of these amendments is supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed.

35U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants submit that claim 1 has been amended and that this amendment overcomes the rejection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the available knowledge art discussed in the present application in view of Catena et al.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 93/08084 in view of Catena et al.

Applicants submit that claim 1 have been amended to include the features of an organic solvent based embossable layer wherein the embossable layer comprises a polyester film and an acrylic based lacquer applied to the polyester film.

Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the rejection based on the cited references.

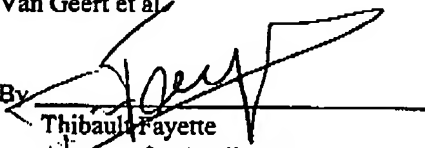
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It is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore requested.

If the next action is other than to allow the claims, the favor of a telephonic interview is requested with the undersigned representative.

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